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SUBJ: DHEW/PHS/HRA--INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHING
PROGRAM FOR MEDICAL SCHOOLS

REF: STATE 42440: TUNIS 1320

1. AMBASSADOR HAS DISCUSSED BASIC OUTLINES OF PROGRAM TO ADAPT US TEACHING METHODS TO A MEDICAL SCHOOL IN TUNIS AND/OR SOUSSE WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH MZALI, AS DISCUSSED TUNIS 1320. DESPITE REPEATED EFFORTS, EMBASSY HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT DEAN ESAFI OF TUNIS FACULTY OF MEDICNE TO OBTAIN HIS VIEWS. WHILE MZALI WAS FAVORABLE TO CONCEPT OUTLINED, HE NATURALLY WANTED MORE DETAILS BEFORE COMMITTING HIMSELF TO SUCH A PROJECT.

2. EMBASSY VIEWS PROPOSED PROJECT MOST FAVORABLY AND RECOMMENDS THAT IT BE RELATED TO AMERICAN-TYPE HOSPITAL WHICH WAS SUBJECT OF STUDY BY PROJECT HOPE (TUNIS REFTTEL). THIS HOSPITAL IS TO BE LOCATED IN MONASTIR, ONLY A FEW MINUTES FROM SOUSSE. IF PROGRAM AS DESCRIBED PARA 1 STATE 42440 COULD BE ESTABLISHED IN NEW SOUSSE MEDICAL SCHOOL, IT COULD ULTIMATELY BE INCORPORATED IN MONASTIR HOSPITAL WHEN IT IS COMPLETED. THIS WOULD ASSURE THAT FACILITIES AND RESEARCH AND TEACHING METHODS DEVELOPED UNDER SFC PROJECT WOULD BE INSTITUTIONALIZED IN FACILITY IN
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PERSONNEL. THIS WOULD ASSURE CONTINUITY OF RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROGRAMS BENEFITTING BOTH TUNISIA AND US FAR BEYOND TERMINATION DATE SFC PROJECT.

3. WHEN HRA HAS MORE DETAILS FOR PROJECT AVAILABLE (ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS TIMING AND FINANCING), EMBASSY WILL BE MOST HAPPY TO COMMUNICATE THEM TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL FACULTIES. HOWEVER, WE SUGGEST THAT DHEW SHOULD HAVE EXPERT COME TO TUNISIA IN ORDER TO DEVELOP SOUND, MUTUALLY-BENEFICIAL PROJECT AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF POSITIVE GOT ATTITUDE.
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